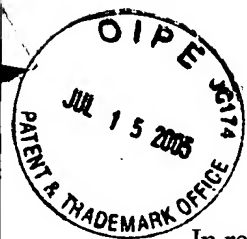


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80148

Naoyuki EZUKA

Appln. No.: 10/787,130

Group Art Unit: 3643

Confirmation No.: 4669

Examiner: Susan C. Alimenti

Filed: February 27, 2004

For: FISHING ROD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before July 15, 2005

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

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| Group I  | - | Claims 1-5, and 7-13, drawn to a fishing rod; and                  |
| Group II | - | Claims 6 and 14, drawn to a method of manufacturing a fishing rod. |

Applicant hereby elects Group 1, drawn to claims 1-5 and 7-13, without traverse.

Applicants also, elect Species II, drawn to Figure 2, in which claims 1-4 and 7-13 read upon.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Response to Restriction Requirement and  
Election of Species Requirement  
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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